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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of scientific and technical personnel at present in the country;

(b) the place of India in the world ranking in terms of total number of scientific and technical personnel; and

(c) the countries that out number India in terms of scientific and technical personnel ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) According to an estimate made by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR), the country`s stock of Scientific and Technical (S&T) Personnel at the beginning of 1999 was 70,99,400.

(b)&(c) International comparison of stock of S&T Personnel has limitations as the member countries of UNESCO adopt their own definitions, classifications of S&T Personnel while providing data to UNESCO and also the years of reference of data are not the same for different countries. These limitations make the international comparison unrealistic.